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1. HERewith FULL TEXT JIM HOAGLAND BY-LINER WASHINGTON
POST, JULY 13, HEADED "NAMIBIAN REBELS ACCEPT PEACE PLAN."

2. AFRICAN GUERRILLAS WHO HAVE FOUGHT A 10-YEAR WAR AGAINST
WHITE TROOPS IN THE DISPUTED TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA (SOUTH-
WEST AFRICA) WERE REPORTED YESTERDAY TO HAVE ACCEPTED A
WESTERN-SPONSORED PLAN FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDE-
PENDENCE. SOUTH AFRICA HAD PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE PRO-
POSAL.

3. WHILE DIFFICULT NEGOTIATING APPEARS TO LIE AHEAD, THE
PROSPECT OF A BREAKTHROUGH ON NAMIBIA WOULD HAVE SIGNIFI-
CANCE FOR THE RAPIDLY ESCALATING GUERRILLA WAR IN RHODESIA
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AND FOR THE INTENSE POLICY DEBATE THAT HAS RAGED IN WASH-
INGTON IN RECENT MONTHS ON AN AMERICAN RESPONSE TO THE
CUBAN AND SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICA.

4. IN A STATEMENT ISSUED LATE YESTERDAY BY ITS PRESS
OFFICE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID IT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT
THE SOUTHWEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (SWAPO) ACCEPTS

THE PLAN PRESENTED BY A FIVE-NATION TEAM HEADED BY DEPUTY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS DONALD MCHENRY.

5. THE PLAN CALLS FOR U.N. CONTROLLED ELECTIONS IN THE TERRITORY AND EVENTUAL ELIMINATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PRESENCE THERE. THE PROPOSAL LEAVES FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATION THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY, THE PORT ENCLAVE CLAIMED BY AFRICAN NATIONALISTS AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

6. THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE TALKS BETWEEN THE FIVE-NATION "CONTACT GROUP" AND SWAPO HAD ENDED IN LUANDA, ANGOLA, AFTER TWO DAYS WITH AGREEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL FOR A "JUST AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT" SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE STATEMENT EXPRESSED AMERICAN GRATIFICATION AT THE REPORTED AGREEMENT IN LUANDA.

7. THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, FRANCE, WEST GERMANY AND CANADA HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING AS A GROUP ON BEHALF OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR 15 MONTHS. SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY ATTACKS ON SWAPO CAMPS INSIDE ANGOLA IN MAY HAD CAUSED THE GUERRILLAS TO SUSPEND PARTICIPATION IN THE TALKS.

8. SWAPO STYLES ITSELF AS A MARXIST GROUP AND IS BACKED MILITARILY BY THE SOVIET UNION. THE BORDER WARFARE BETWEEN SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA AND FEARS OF SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY UNCLASSIFIED

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STRIKES INTO ANGOLA FREQUENTLY HAVE BEEN CITED BY THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT AS JUSTIFICATION FOR KEEPING AN ESTIMATED 20,000 CUBAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA.

9. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN SPLIT ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THE MILITANT AFRICAN STATES BORDERING NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. THE INVASION OF ZAIRE'S SHABA PROVINCE BY KATANGESE TRIBESMEN BASED IN ANGOLA IN MAY TRIGGERED DENUNCIATIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI. THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY TO RESURRECT U.S. COVERT SUPPORT FOR THE UNITA GUERRILLA GROUP THAT OPPOSES THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT.

10. SOME AFRICAN SPECIALISTS IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ARGUED, HOWEVER, FOR A CONTINUING DIALOGUE WITH LUANDA, AND MCHENRY WAS SENT TO ANGOLA IN LATE JUNE TO TRY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. REPORTS THAT ANGOLA WAS DISARMING SOME OF THE KATANGESE UNITS AND MOVING THEM AWAY FROM THE ZAIRE BORDER FOLLOWED THAT MISSION. OFFICIALS FAVORING A MORE CONCILIATORY APPROACH TO THE MILITANT STATES WILL BE WATCHING FOR SIGNS THAT ANGOLA MAY HAVE HELPED INFLUENCE SWAPO

TO REVERSE ITSELF AND ACCEPT THE NAMIBIA PLAN.

11. SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER ANNOUNCED ON

APRIL 25 THAT HIS GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED THE PLAN, BUT INDICATED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD INSIST ON RETAINING WALVIS BAY.

12. THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL BE CALLED ON TO PROVIDE A 5,000-MAN U.N. PEACEKEEPING FORCE AND AT LEAST 1,000 POLL WATCHERS FOR THE ELECTIONS. THE TERRITORY, WHICH POSSESSES IMPORTANT MINERAL DEPOSITS IS DUE TO BECOME INDEPENDENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR. END TEXT CHRISTOPHER

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